Advocate, the Registrar and the Manager of the Chief Court and the Prosecuting Inspector?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No action in the matter of increasing the pay of the Government Advocate, the Manager of the Chief Court and the Prosecuting Inspector has yet been taken. As regards the salary of the Registrar, vide answer to question No. 292.

The extension of service to certain officers.

294. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have extended the terms of service of Dr. V. Verghese, (ii) Mr. C. Matthai, (iii) Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to inform the public that the terms of the officers mentioned in (a) have been extended?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) No. It was not deemed necessary, as these officers were allowed to continue in service without any change.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Since the ages of these persons are given in *the Civil List*, would not the people be justified in thinking that they would retire on the completion of their 55th year as per *the Service Regulations*? (*Hear, hear.*)

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—May be.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Then, is it not the duty of the Government to inform the people as to their continuance in the service?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Their continuance in service is enough to inform the public.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Going to office after that period is the symptom of continuance.

Misappropriation in the Tramway.

295. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government or His Highness the Maharaja have received petitions in 1101 or 1102 complaining of misappropriation of Government funds by Government employees in the Tramway;

(b) what action the Government have taken on these petitions?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Enquiries were made, and the allegations in five of them were found to be not true. Action in regard to the sixth is not yet complete.

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